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## Sporting News

### STANDING OF THE LEAGUES.

American.			
Clubs	Won	Lost	P. C.
Philadelphia	7	2	.778
Washington	6	2	.750
Chicago	5	4	.690
St. Louis	4	5	.444
Detroit	3	5	.385
Boston	4	7	.364
New York	2	8	.200

National.			
Clubs	Won	Lost	P. C.
New York	7	2	.778
Pittsburgh	7	3	.700
Chicago	7	3	.700
Philadelphia	4	3	.571
St. Louis	4	5	.444
Boston	2	7	.222
Cincinnati	2	7	.222

### YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

National League.			
At Boston—12 Innings	1	7	1
Boston	0	8	0
Batteries—James and Whaling; Allen and Miller.			

At St. Louis	10	14	2
Cincinnati	3	13	1
Batteries—Suggs and Clark and Severid; Sule, Burke, Redding Geyer and Wingo.			

At New York	7	11	2
Philadelphia	1	4	1
Batteries—Ames and Meyers and Harten; Moore, Nelson and Killifer.			

Only three games scheduled.

American League.			
At Chicago	3	9	0
St. Louis	1	11	1
Batteries—Mitchell and Agnew; Cotte and Easterly.			

At Washington	6	10	1
Washington	3	12	0
Batteries—Bedient, Hall and Carri; Groom and Almsmith.			

At Detroit	5	10	1
Cleveland	3	9	2
Batteries—Gregg and Carisch; Dabuc and Stange and McKee.			

At Philadelphia	4	4	1
Philadelphia	1	11	2
Batteries—Bender and Thomas; Schulz and Williams and Sterrett.			

### Sporting Notes.

Have the Red Sox really started on their upward climb?

What do you know about the Boston Braves winning a 12 inning game?

The Athletics now take the lead from Washington in the American league.

Connelly continues to feature both at bat and in the field for the Boston Braves.

The Pirate catcher, Gibson, is out of the game for two months at least with a broken right ankle.

Sam Felton, the Harvard pitcher says there isn't a chance of his getting into league baseball.

The Red Sox came from behind in the ninth yesterday and banged out a victory. That looks like old times.

Schulz held the Athletics to only five hits, but six stolen bases and three errors mingled with them beat the Highlanders.

Outfielder Williams of St. Louis Americans yesterday made three triples out of four trips to the plate, which is going some.

Paddy Green drifted back from Pittsburgh to Holyoke yesterday and pitched the game against Bridgeport, losing through his wildness.

Patsy Keefe of Williamstown, who played with Belkows Falls last year, and who has been trying for an outfield position with New London, has drawn his release.

The New York Sun with its dope that Hal Chase would be sent to the outfield for the Highlanders because of being a failure at second base, appears to have been correct. He played center Wednesday, McKetchnie being at second and Chance on first.

Snell of Brown university baseball team, captain and manager of the Brattleboro team last season, in the game against New Hampshire at Providence Wednesday made the longest hit ever seen on the grounds, the ball rolling to the batting nets in extreme left field.

The stockholders of the Belkows Falls Baseball association will hold a meeting next week Friday evening to see what can be done about raising money to maintain a team in the Twin State league this year. The Belkows Falls association faces a big deficit and an attempt was made recently to liquidate a part of the indebtedness by means of a baseball week at the Standard theater, but in the words of one enthusiastic supporter given the project was "almost pitiful." Belkows Falls fans by the way, are not in favor of the sixteen league idea.

They realize that the increase would mean higher traveling expenses, more pitchers and little if any more profit.

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## STATEMENT FROM MRS. W. F. MIXER

Gives Facts About N. E. O. P. Funds—Says Financial Standing of Order Never Was Better.

Brattleboro, April 24, 1913.

Editor of The Reformer:—

I beg leave to say that the report you copied from a Burlington paper showing up the treasurer of the grand lodge of the New England Order of Protection as a defaulter was exaggerated. It was probably the work of some heartless reporter looking for sensational news. Please let me give the facts as they stand, which I feel is due to the order as well as the ex-treasurer, who is a feeble, old man 73 years old.

Just before the annual grand lodge meeting one year ago, which was held in Burlington, the grand warden, H. R. Hill, became suspicious of the treasurer and asked the auditing committee to do thorough work. H. D. Fillmore of Bennington, a thorough business man, was chairman and reported that the treasurer brought forward a book loaned to him in his own name which he said belonged to the order, which made a large surplus fund for the order. He pronounced the books O. K., but recommended that the bank book be made to the grand lodge.

Judge H. W. Scott of Barre was elected grand warden one year ago. All orders have been paid by the treasurer by check during the year promptly and Grand Warden Scott was surprised a few weeks ago to receive a letter from the grand treasurer containing his resignation and begging him to come to Burlington at once for he could not get the books in shape for the auditing committee. Judge Scott went and found the treasurer's mind and the books in an unsettled condition, with a seeming shortage in funds. The treasurer was able to hand him cash enough to meet all present obligations, so the grand warden thought best to lay the books away in his safe. He then appointed E. G. Howland of Barre to fill the office for the remaining few weeks, and he was elected treasurer for the coming year.

A special committee was appointed, Grand Warden Scott and Past Grand Warden H. R. Hill, they to appoint a third man to thoroughly investigate the whole matter. The ex-treasurer gave the grand lodge a mortgage on his business to cover any deficiency they might find and it is hoped that the treasury can be made whole and will not embarrass the aged man or be obliged to appeal to the bonding company who holds his bonds.

The ex-treasurer asked to be released from the office one year ago, but was elected by a unanimous vote. The members of the grand lodge did not realize the extent of his infirmities.

The grand lodge meeting at Barre Tuesday was most harmonious. Judge Scott did good work for the order. His report was excellent. With his resignation the success for the order is assured for the coming year, which so adds that the grand treasurer has nothing to do with the insurance funds. The money he handles is the general fund which is used to carry on the work in the state and pay expenses of representatives to grand lodge, etc.

The financial standing of the order itself was never better than now. It stands second to none in all the fraternal insurance orders.

Respectfully,

Mrs. W. F. Mixer.

## DR. MARBLE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Former Pastor, Now of Cambridge, Will Occupy Pulpit Sunday.

The many friends of Rev. F. E. Marble, Ph. D., of Cambridge, Mass., formerly pastor of the First Baptist church, will extend him hearty welcome Sunday, when he will again occupy the pulpit which he filled so successfully several years.

Dr. Marble will preach at both the morning and evening services and this announcement will bring pleasure to a large number who will be glad to avail themselves of the privilege of hearing him.

### An Expert.

"Does your wife do much fancy work?" "Yes, when I'm late in getting home evenings she fancies all sorts of things."

### Amusements.

#### THE FOX TON ROUT

#### BELLOWS FALLS OPERA HOUSE

Fox and Eaton, Lessees.

H. A. MORSE, Res. Mgr.

The Season's Biggest Attraction

Worth Going 100 Miles to See

Tuesday, April 29

WEBER & LUCHE

—will present—

## The Rose Maid

The opera of fun and fashion.

Prettier than its sister opera, The Spring Maid.

## A COMPANY OF 75

SPECIAL ORCHESTRA OF 12

2 CARLOADS OF SCENERY

Prices 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Write, Phone or Wire H. A. Morse

and have your seats reserved for you.

Positively guaranteed as one of the biggest and best musical attractions of the season.

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## PROBING THE FREIGHT RATES

### Interesting Testimony Before Interstate Commerce Commission

### BOSTON & MAINE ABOUT THE POOREST

And the New Haven Excellent, According to Commissioner Prouty—Louis D. Brandeis Reputed by the Produce Exchange—Appears Today.

BOSTON, April 25.—The matter of the freight rates charged by the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and its allied lines in New England was taken up by the interstate commerce commission yesterday afternoon. The earlier sessions have been occupied chiefly with testimony regarding the finances of the New Haven system.

Commissioner Prouty said that the commission was proceeding on the theory that a transportation monopoly had been created in New England. Three things should be determined, namely: "How does the service in New England compare with service in other parts of the country? How do New England rates compare with rates in other sections? And what effect on rates has been produced by the New Haven's acquisition of the Boston & Maine and its leased lines?"

After studying tables introduced to show the comparative service maintained by a number of leading railroads in the country, the commissioner said that in his opinion the New Haven's freight service was as good as any of the others, and that of the Boston & Maine about the poorest.

Having heard of the present high fixed charges of the Boston & Maine in comparison with the amount of its income above operating expenses, Commissioner Prouty was interested in the statement yesterday by the chief engineer of the railroad that \$74,000,000 could be spent wisely in six years and could be equaled to make it possible to operate the road efficiently and economically.

Frank S. Davis, chief of the tariff bureau of the Boston & Maine, was the only witness. He produced bulky record books, quoted rates in various sections of all kinds of commodities and special classes of freight, and decided that since the merger of the Boston & Maine and the New Haven roads there had been advances in 15 per cent of the tariffs and reductions in the remaining 85 per cent. Fully 15 per cent of the increases, he estimated, were due to the cancellation of so-called "paper" or useless tariffs.

He compared rates between New England points with the rates from North Carolina to South Carolina and Georgia points on cotton piece goods and manufactured goods; the rates from the Boston & Maine, Maine Central and New York, New Haven and Hartford roads being lower in every case than the rates in the South. Since the merger, he said, a joint tariff had been formulated which had superseded 28 separate tariffs on the Boston & Maine, the Maine Central and the New Haven lines.

Under cross-examination by David O. Ives, chairman of the transportation committee of the Boston chamber of commerce, and Robert Homans, counsel for the chamber, the witness said that some of the reductions were due to laws recently passed. "We are not bragging about these reductions," observed Edgar J. Rich, counsel for the Boston & Maine, "we are apologizing for them."

Cross-examination also developed that since the merger the shipments of lumber from Maine Central stations to points in New Hampshire had been advanced. Mr. Davis said that he did not think these advances were made because the railroad had an opportunity to increase its revenue on a great quantity of freight that had to be moved. He was unable to give any reason for the advance. Mr. Davis thought the rates on potatoes from Maine points to Boston and New York had been increased, but could not state positively. Neither did he know personally that coal freight rates were higher in New England than in other sections.

An incident of the day that carried some surprise was the announcement by the directors of the Boston fruit and produce exchange that Louis D. Brandeis, who was supposed to be representing the testimony of the inquiry, had no authority as counsel from that body. The directors said in a statement issued yesterday afternoon that Mr. Brandeis was engaged to appear in the interests of the exchange at a hearing before the commission last June on the question of freight surcharges. "We do not understand that Mr. Brandeis is further in the service of the exchange," the statement concludes.

Since the present hearing began on Monday, Mr. Brandeis has been the chief opponent of the railroad and the testimony was elicited by his questions. Some bitterness has been engendered and in a published statement yesterday President Mellen of the New Haven system questioned Brandeis's good faith in the matter. Mr. Brandeis will appear to give testimony today.

Also on the same bill a comedy picture.

It's a Vitaphone, which means there is none better, and it is twice the usual length, as it has three times as much to the plot as most stories.

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## NEWFANE.

L. H. Whitney was in Putney, Thursday.

Miss Florence Berry has gone to her home in Putney.

Miss Nellie Hamlin is at work for Mrs. Charles Evans in Townsend.

Charles Benson is ill with measles, the first case reported in this village.

Miss Grace Bush of Brookline is at work for her aunt, Mrs. George Bush.

J. H. Underwood has returned from a business trip of a few days in Boston.

Miss Etta Jeffs is boarding with relatives in Wardsboro and attending school there.

E. A. Rand of Turners Falls spent a few days this week with his father, Ransom W. Rand.

The Hamlin farm has been sold by J. H. Rand to Homer Ambrose of Middlebury, who will take possession at once.

Orville White of Wardsboro has been visiting in the home of her cousin, Mrs. Henry Smith, and at Frank Rowe's.

Mrs. William Rand spent a few days with her brother, Philip Rutter, in Townsend last week. Mr. Rutter was ill, but is now able to be out.

Juror C. S. Frost of Saxtons River was the successful Sherman who furnished the trout at Davidson Maples. Through an error in yesterday's Reformer the catch was credited to another.

In the regular meeting of the Grange Wednesday evening the first and second degrees were conferred on five candidates. At their next meeting, which will take place in three weeks from the last one, the third and fourth degrees will be conferred.

Mrs. Hattie Simonds of Dana, Mass., an aunt of Mrs. J. D. Pierce, returned home with her last week from the Johnson family reunion which was held at A. O. Johnson's in Brattleboro last week. Mrs. Simonds will go Saturday to visit other relatives in Searsburg.

J. B. Muzzy returned Monday after buying cattle.

Phineas Eddy of Londonderry visited in town Wednesday.

Several new cases of measles have been reported this week.

Mrs. A. V. D. Piper is spending a few days in Brattleboro.

Rev. T. C. Brewster returned Tuesday night after a two-weeks' vacation.

C. C. Allen sold one of his horses to Emmett Harris of Pike's Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. David Eddy returned from Shushan, N. Y., Tuesday night.

William Warren has returned after visiting his sister, who has been ill.

Mrs. Fanny Howard returned to Brattleboro Wednesday after a week's visit at David Eddy's.

Miss Ethel and Miss Charity Pitman of Bermuda have come to visit their aunt, Mrs. Fred Sellers.

Mrs. Myra D. Adams of Baldwinville, Mass., is a guest of her nephew, Louis Robertson, for two weeks.

There will be preaching morning and evening and Sunday school as usual next Sunday at the Baptist church.

Leon Torrey moved his goods to Brattleboro Wednesday, where he has employment. Mrs. Torrey went Thursday.

WEST BRATTLEBORO.

MAROONED BY DAYTON FLOOD.

Mrs. Jennie M. Cheney's Niece Writes of Thrilling Experience.

Mrs. Jennie M. Cheney has received a letter this week giving an interesting account of the experience of her niece, Miss Edith Ellis, during the flood at Dayton, O., last month. Miss Ellis is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ellis of Detroit. Mr. Ellis is Mrs. Cheney's brother. He formerly was a Brattleboro man and was employed by Mr. Burnham, the plumber.

Miss Ellis is employed by a wholesale millinery establishment and was detailed to Dayton, March 1, for the openings. She was in the heart of the flood over a week and relates thrilling experiences. The house where she was located was surrounded by water, also filled to the second floor. The occupants were obliged to remain there some time without heat, food, light or water.

All communication from the outside world was cut off several days and the first message that she was privileged to dispatch, which was to her parents, was sent by a messenger who had to walk four miles over debris.

She described the river as rushing past at a tremendous speed. It carried men, women and children to their doom, whose cries for help will always be remembered by those who saw and heard them. Animals, buildings, trees and everything in its path were thoroughly destroyed. March 27 was Miss Ellis's birthday anniversary and that morning her breakfast consisted of one biscuit and a cup of coffee made in a garbage can at the end of an old bridge. She lost everything and is suffering from the nervous shock resulting from exposure and anxiety.

T. M. Doyle is ill with erysipelas.

The pupils of the academy have cleaned the school this week, which makes a marked improvement in its appearance.

George B. Prouty was taken suddenly ill about 1 o'clock this morning with what is believed to have been a slight paralytic shock, as his left side is somewhat weakened.

BEATTLEBORO MARKETS.

Grain and Feed—Retail.

Corn ..... 1.35@1.40

Mixed Feed ..... 1.35@1.40

Oats, bu. .... .50

Meal, cwt. .... 1.35@1.40

Meal bolted, lb. .... 02½@03½

Cottonseed Meal ..... 1.35

Linseed Oil Meal ..... 1.75

Provyender ..... 1.45

Middlings ..... 1.40

Hay, loose, ton ..... 18.00

Hay, baled ..... 25.00

Farm Produce—Wholesale.

Pork dressed ..... .11

Pork, live weight ..... 08@08½

Beef, dressed ..... 08@10

Lamb ..... 07

Veal ..... 07@08

Hides, live ..... 16

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